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TAGS: PINT, MARR, LE
SUBJECT: LEBANESE ARMY AND SOUTH LEBANON

1. IN A BRIEF ENCOUNTER WITH EMBOFF APRIL 5,
NATIONAL LIBERAL PARTY MILITIA LEADER DANY CHAMOUN
SAID THAT HE FELT THAT THE LEBANESE ARMY WAS
REPEAT WAS PREPARED TO GO SOUTH AND FIGHT THE
PALESTINIANS. "THE SOLDIERS ARE READY." FURTHER-
MORE, ARMY COMMANDER GENERAL KHOURY WAS READY TO MOVE,
BUT WAS BEING RESTRAINED BY PRESIDENT SARKIS AND
FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTROS, WHO DID NOT WANT TO TAKE THE
POLITICAL RISKS.

2. COMMENT: DANY'S VIEW IS CONGRUENT WITH THE VIEW
OF PHALANGE MILITIA LEADER BACHIR GEMAYEL (BEIRUT 1865).
ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE LITTLE SYMPATHY FOR ONE ANOTHER NOW-A-
DAYS, THESE TWO CHRISTIAN MILITIA LEADERS SHARE THE
VIEW THAT THE ARMY WOULD MOVE, BUT IS BEING
RESTRAINED BY THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP. DANY'S
VIEWS ARE ALSO AT VARIANCE WITH THOSE OF HIS FATHER,
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CAMILLE CHAMOUN, AT LEAST IN THE SENSE THAT CAMILLE
DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE ARMY SHOULD BE SENT
SOUTH. (BEIRUT 1917.)
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